MORE CIA DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM BUD FENSTERWALD - NOTES PLH 4/3/77

Please refer to the separate listing of these items. Most, if not all, of these documents were released earlier, with more deletions. (Sometimes the earlier copy is clearer.) It is interesting that a large amount of quite innocuous information was deleted (I would suggest, improperly) earlier.

People who don't share my view of the Garrison investigation will find these documents more interesting than I do. Now that it is well established that the CIA had improper interests in various domestic matters, my impression is that the attitude reflected in these documents is about what one would expect. (Of course, we can't say anything about what they are still withholding.) It is still my feeling that the role played in the collapse of the Garrison case by the opposition of the press, the CIA, and other outside forces is secondary to the absence of any real case at all. For that reason, and because of the pressure of other events, I'll keep my comments here quite short.

The cover letter to Bud, and the pages from the Document Disposition Index, suggest that the CIA has not reviewed all the previously withheld items which they listed for Bud, and may not be planning to do so. I have written the CIA on this.

#1200-437: this confirms that the CIA did ask INS to check at Laredo about the Oswalds' entry into Mexico. Cf. Meagher, pp. 313-5.

#1204-438: for some reason, I have a feeling this secondhand source re Marina may be (or have something to do with) Isaac Don Levine. I can't recall the reason.

#1209-440: by 11/25/63, the FBI indicated that Ruby's possible visit to Cuba "should be considered with a 'big question mark'."

#1227-512 and #1228-513: Interesting. Prior to the briefing of a U.S. Senator on 10/2/67, someone in the CIA asked for and got traces on quite a few people, plus info on the MDC training camp. The people traced are Leroy Collins, Edward Kenneth Davis, Rudolph R. Davis, Fernando Fernandez, FNU Fornes, Leovino Interian, Victor Manuel (Paneque) Batista, Sylvia Odio ("no station traces"!), Orlando Eleno (Piedra) Negueruela, Lorenzo Pascillio, Layton Martens, Bernardo Torres, Juan A. Valdez, Manuel Garcia Gonzalez ("no identifiable station traces"), Gerald Patrick Hemming, Mario Bermudez Nunez, and Mario Bermidez Quinones. (Is there any clear pattern on who was included and who was not?) The CIA claims no support or funding of the MDC camp. (Does that agree with the Schweiker Report?) (By the way, the first of these two items, which requests the traces, is barely legible; the second is better.)

#1229-514: info from published sources re Garrison's allegations was deleted last time around! Paragraph 2 indicates a report on Nerin Gun, "now a U.S. citizen," will be submitted later. The CIA was clearly concerned about the adverse effects of the Garrison investigation on the Agency. There is probably some interesting information about sources in here - e.g. (p. 5) on 3 or 4 April 1967, Quiroga told [deleted] something about Garrison and Santana. P. 6 - the N.O. office was warned to be alert to possible wiretapping of the office by Garrison. Unfortunately, this document is barely legible.

#1230-515: By September, the CIA had done 103 traces in connection with the Garrison case. Novel is discussed at length; they call him a liar. Two approaches to the DCS office are described and called possible provocations by Garrison. The stuff that is still deleted (possibly FBI info) might be pretty good.

#1231-516: There's lots of evaluation and opinion in here.

#1233-518: Info from a TV program was deleted before, but the existence of derogatory info on Quiroga is not deleted! (P. 10 - an error?) Lots is still deleted. The one-page enclosure describes info given by Quiroga "answering questions from Garrison." Where? How does the CIA know?

#1235-520: Published info was previously deleted. Should I know who the subject, "Jack N. Rogers, et al.", is? His name is deleted from the text itself.

#1236-520A: The States-Item broke the Garrison story on Feb. 17, 1967, and Rosemary James supposedly learned of the investigation on Feb. 12. (Flammonde, p. 4) This message about Bringuier, and forwarding clippings from Feb. 18-20, refers to communications of Feb. 6 and 10; the subject is quite unclear. What did the CIA know, and when did they know it? (Remember, my favorite paranoid fantasy is that maybe it is no accident that Garrison's anti-CIA (but not very anti-FBI) investigation followed the termination of the Amlash operation, and generally overlapped with the 1967 Roselli-Morgan flap, at a time when someone in the FBI (and maybe LBJ?) might well have been suspicious of the CIA.)